



The firstfruits of hope
Romans 8:19-25

Saint Anne Catholic Community **Family Enrollment** on the **Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP)**

Each summer, our Creation Care Ministry works on the development of an action for individual parishioners and Saint Anne households to consider during the Season of Creation (SEP 1 – OCT 4).

With the theme To Hope and Act with Creation, our 2024 efforts include an invitation to Saint Anne families to *enroll* on the Laudato Si' Action Platform. The Archdiocese of Chicago and Saint Anne Catholic Community are both enrolled in their sectors.



LAUDATO SI'
Action Platform

LSAP is an initiative of the Vatican, inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical letter, *Laudato Si'*. It is a virtual platform that helps you track your efforts to care for our common home via a dashboard. It has become a global community where you can learn firsthand what is happening around the world and be informed and encouraged to take action to care for the earth and the poor.

Participants of all backgrounds, faiths, and experience levels share reflections on their lifestyles, evaluate opportunities for change, and set concrete action plans that renew relationship with God, with others, and with nature to answer the Cry of the Earth, the Cry of the Poor and the Cry of Future Generations. LSAP helps us better understand the world and see creativity at work.

LSAP Enrollment Instructions

These step-by-step instructions help you with the enrollment process. It's actually quite simple, but please keep in mind that this data is being stored at the Vatican! Yes, it's THAT important! The Holy Father is encouraging all of us to PAUSE, REFLECT, ACT and EVALUATE on seven key goals, and to consider how we can each meet those goals.

1. Gather the following information:
 - a. A working email address.
 - b. A password you will remember.
2. Go to: <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/register/>
3. Scroll down to "Create your own account now" located on the right.
4. Under "I am making a commitment on behalf of a...", select "Families & Individuals".
5. Complete the form and submit.

That's it! You're enrolled. You will receive a confirmation letter with a few days. Please know that you will not be barraged by emails from other sites. The Vatican holds your information privately and does not “sell” its list.

After you enroll, spend time navigating around the site. Learn about the seven goals of LSAP and the sectors around the world that are working on implementation.

Your family can go further... completing an initial Assessment which will ask you about your current energy usage, your shopping habits and eating habits... questions relating to how you and your family are addressing the seven Laudato Si' Action Platform Goals. It is up to you. Your answers to these assessment questions will be used to create an initial baseline that is

presented as a dashboard. This is a great opportunity for engagement with and learning for your children or grandchildren. Just understanding how much energy your family uses and how much it costs is a life lesson. Knowing that fresh water is not available to two-thirds of the world's population may help prevent our using more water than we need.

Next, you can write a Reflection, and then later, put together an Action Plan. These can literally be a single page which you develop as a family. What is key is that you work on these together and hold one another accountable.

Check out the Saint Anne Catholic Community's Reflection

The Saint Anne Catholic Community is enrolled under the "Parish" sector.

<https://laudatosiainactionplatform.org/app/uploads/2023/09/r-1807-705307.pdf>

Our parish Creation Care Ministry spent nearly two years preparing our Parish Reflection which was reviewed by the Parish Council, approved by Father Bernie Pietrzak, and uploaded during the Season of Creation 2023. The Creation Care Committee has spent this past year drafting an Action Plan, which will soon be shared with our new pastor, Fr. John Trout, and the Parish Council of Ministries.

Give a Hand—Get a Hand!

Cut outs of hands are in the Gathering Space in a basket by the Season of Creation poster. When you enroll, write your name on one of the hands and tape it to our parish Season of Creation graphic poster. Together we make a big difference!

